

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, January 28, 2008 at 4:30pm at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room (MCR).

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Karen Springer Mary Nauman and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Lee Booth and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt was present along with Mayor John Dennis and Judy Rhodes, Clerk-Treasurer. Absent was Council member Gerry Keen.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:31pm.

Mayor Dennis swore in new Park Board member Mary Nauman.

Garnet mentioned that it has been a pleasure to work with Leon for a number of years.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Paula seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Brian Tunis has submitted our 2007 Tree City recertification application.
- In the future council reports will be presented electronically to e-boxes

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- The deck expansion work is complete at the pool – a ten-foot wide section was added to the east side of the pool deck and additional deck was added to the south side of the baby and medium pool. A curb was added to the northeast side of the deck to try to alleviate dirt from washing onto the deck.
- The three shade structures have been received and will be installed by Simon Construction. They will also install metal soffits under the roof canopy by the entrance area of the pool; peeling paint has been an on going problem.
- Cameron Fence was the low bid (\$37,825) for the pool fence and will be starting that any day now.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspections for the trails and playgrounds noted.
- Continue painting Morton classrooms
- Constructed Lincoln Park sign and preparing to install
- Finished organizing the shop
- Starting to go over summer equipment
- Snow removal and other routine maintenance in all parks
- Showed pictures of the mudslide that has happened in Happy Hollow Park by the Rose Street walk-in entrance.

- **Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- Registration is underway for Winter/Spring programs
- Reservations are being accepted for shelter rentals in the parks.

- Ice skating lessons began last week after being postponed due to frigid weather on January 19.
- The fifth annual Dare to Bear Polar Bear skate will be held Friday, February 8 from 7-8:30 pm. Free pizza and hot cocoa will be available for all skaters completing one lap in their swimsuit

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- Rooms at Morton are looking brighter and fresher due to a fresh coat of paint by the maintenance crew
- Students of Betty Goodrich are going to be putting on an art show in February
- Class started around the middle of January; getting a lot of foot traffic, every room is used on Tuesday evenings
- The Mayor has passed along items that belong to the City of West Lafayette that are from Japan and China that will be displayed in the lighted glass shelves in room 108

**Old Business**

**Election of Officers**

Mike made a motion to adopt a list of officers for the current year- Garnet as President; Mike as Vice-President; and Paula as Secretary. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette Athletic Booster Club**

John asked what the status was for the shelter request. Joe stated that it would be presented to the Booster Club at their meeting this week and then presented to the School Board next week. Joe spoke with vendors at the IPRA state conference and requested quotes for the shelter.

**New Business**

**Cumberland Park, Master Gardeners Proposal**

A copy of the proposal was in the Park Board packet. Joe has met with them on site. Mike suggested that a water outlet be installed closer to the area in the future. Paula motioned to accept all the Master Gardeners sites (Cumberland Park:intersection of Happy Hollow Road and North River Road; and the Butterfly Garden at Celery Bog). Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Park Board Attorney Agreement**

Joe requested that the Board enter into agreement with John Sorensen to serve as our Park Board Attorney this year. Mike moved to enter into the proposed agreement with our attorney. Paula seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**West Lafayette School Board** - Karen reported on the following:

The School Board and City Council held a joint work session to discuss the status of the School Corporation and Indiana Code 36-1.5, the Government Modernization Act. Superintendent Killion did a power point presentation and Karen brought extra copies of that to the meeting. They are starting to form ideas; one of those was the Government Modernization Act, which would allow the School Corporation to re-organize with the City of West Lafayette if such a move would save the taxpayers at least ten percent. It is a very detailed process to follow – the final step, if they would get to that point, would

be the reorganization question would be put on a ballot for the voters to decide. The first step is for both the City Council and School Board to approve a resolution agreeing to attempt the reorganization process.

### **Wabash River**

Joe mentioned that a Wabash Enhancement Corporation meeting was held on Friday, January 18. They did get the new flood-way mapping for the entire corridor and working on certification with Natural Resources for the Area Plan Commission. The next Parkway Commission meeting will be on February 14.

### **Other**

### **Calendar**

Brenda presented a Holiday, special events and closing schedule for the Department facilities.

### **Funded Projects**

Joe presented a list of funded projects planned for completion in 2008.

Lee has received quotes for replacement of a six-foot front-end mower and 4x4 pick-up. The pick-up will be part of Lease-Purchase package the city is putting together.

### **Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pennie mentioned that the next Park Board meeting would be February 25 due to Presidents' Day.

### **Adjourn**

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary